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I do in some ways support Bill 10 that aims to ban plastic bag use in Honolulu County. I understand the many effects of plastics on Hawaii's environment and I know that the threats are great. Unfortunately, plastic bags have become a part of my life so I am used to using them often. It would be difficult to start living without them, but I realize how much that plastic bags harm the environment. We do not need to use and consume this much plastic to live. There are reusable bags and other alternatives to plastic bags. I want Hawaii to be a place where humans and the environment are well taken care of. Plastic bags do more harm than they are worth. They also contribute to our oil consumption. We rely so heavily on oil for energy, so we shouldn't be using a large amount for plastic bag production. However, I think a different approach should be used to reducing our plastic bag consumption. Banning them altogether is not the most effective method in my opinion. Some people like me reuse every plastic bag and try to use reusable bags as much as possible. Some places give incentives for people to willingly bring their own reusable bags to carry things. In addition, creating renewable energy sources in Hawaii will reduce our overall consumption of oil. If we are using a lot less oil for energy, then there will be enough for a small amount of plastic bags. Essentially, I support what the bill is doing, but not the method.

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